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Letter Approving of Colvard's decision to send the Basketball team to the NCAA Tournament.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT
UNIVERSITY, MISSISSIPPI

March 8, 1963

Department of Economics
and
Business Administration


D. W. Colvard, President
Mississippi State University
College Station, Mississippi.

Dear President Colvard:

May I congratulate you as a sportsman, a gentleman, and an administrator of courage and principle.

The decision that Mississippi State University will participate in integrated athletic events demonstrates: first, that our institutions of higher learning need not be controlled by the Citizens Council; second, that the citizenry of the state is eager to follow responsible leadership; and finally, that you personally are unafraid to seize the initiative, irrespective of anticipated clamor by some elements. This last removes you irrevocably from the administrator class and places you unconditionally into the category of leader.

Sincerely,


Franklin P. Howard